HASLEMERE URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year

1968

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Haslemere Urban District Council

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HASLEMERE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
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Museum Hill,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1968, prepared in accordance with the Department of Health and Social Security Circular 1/69.

I am happy to report that once again the health of the district has remained good.

The estimated population continues to rise and has now reached 13,550 ; an increase of 1,500 in ten years.

Births and Deaths

The birth rate of 14.77 per 1,000 of the estimated population is well below the national figure of 16.9, while the death rate at 11.16 per 1,000 of the estimated population is close to the national figure of 11.9.

Out of the 209 deaths in Haslemere 112 were due to diseases of the heart and arteries and 41 were due to malignant diseases.

Fourteen deaths were due to cancer of the lung, a sudden jump to double the average of the previous five years.

Infectious Diseases

During the year the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1968 came into force.

Certain diseases including Pneumonia, Erysipelas and Puerperal Pyrexia having become less common ceased to be notifiable, whereas Infectious Hepatitis, Tetanus, Leptospirosis and Yellow Fever were made officially notifiable.

The incidence of infectious disease in Haslemere over the past six years has remained low with the exception of Measles.

Measles has shown its classical two year cycle. Since 1963 the figures have run as follows :

156, 11, 193, 16, 268, 21.

The scheme for immunisation against Measles is now well under way and it will be interesting to see if this sequence is broken in 1969.

There were two interesting cases of infectious disease in 1968. One was a case of virus Meningitis at Marchants Hill Rural Centre.

The children sleep in huts and there is little doubt that a virus infection began to spread in one particular hut during the second week in August.

Several of the children from this hut were admitted to the sick bay with symptoms such as headache, pyrexia and gastro intestinal disturbance but one particular boy went on to develop symptoms of Meningitis.

He was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, where he made an uneventful recovery. The virus responsible for this incident was eventually identified as Echo Virus Type 6.

There was no question of overcrowding and as the camp was due to break up anyway the children were allowed to go home under surveillance. No further cases developed.

The other case of interest was a case of Paratyphoid Fever in a young man who contracted the illness while on holiday in North Italy, almost certainly by eating ice cream. The somewhat numerous contacts were followed up but no further case developed. He made a complete recovery although he was ill for some while.

Last year I reported on a case of Paratyphoid contracted in Austria. In neither case had the individual been inoculated. It is clearly worth while being inoculated against Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers before going abroad.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and encouragement during the year.

My thanks also go to Dr. Fox-Russell, Mr. Prue and the other members of the Health Department for their loyal support at all times.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

A. H. M. RICHARDS,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

SUMMARY

	1968	1967
Area in Acres	5,751	**5,751**
Estimated resident population in June (estimate supplied by the Registrar-General)	13.550	**13,450**
Number of Inhabited Houses at 31st March, 1969 according to Rate Books (including shop dwellings)	4,284	**4,273**
Rateable Value as at 31st March, 1969	£764,368	**£744,071**
A sum represented by a Penny Rate (estimated) ...	£3,002	**£2,967**
Number of Births (legitimate and illegitimate) ...	171	**174**
Birth-Rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population ...	12.62	**12.94**
Birth-Rate (after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor)	14.77	**15.04**
Number of Still Births	Nil	**1**
Number of Deaths	209	**229**
Death-Rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population ...	15.42	**17.03**
Comparability Factor)	11.16	**12.09**
Natural increase of population during year by excess of births over deaths	-38	**-55**
Number of Deaths of Infants (under the age of one year)	1	**2**
Infant Mortality per 1.000 live births	5.85	**11.50**
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, child-birth	Nil	**Nil**
Death-rates per 1,000 of the population from :—		
Influenza	.37	**0.075**
Pneumonia (all forms)	1.40	**1.72**
Bronchitis	.22	**0.53**
The seven principal zymotic diseases : Smallpox; Whooping Cough; Measles; Gastritis Enteritis and Diarrhoea; Diphtheria; Scarlet Fever and 'Fever' (Typhoid, Enteric and Typhus)	.07	**0.15**
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.15	**0.00**
Cancer	3.03	**3.65**
Heart Disease	4.28	**5.42**

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:	
Number	171
Rate per 1,000 population (actual)	12.62
(comparable)	14.77
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births ...	8.77
Still Births:	
Number	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	—
Total Live and Still Births	171
Infant Deaths (under one year)	1
Mortality Rates:	
Infant (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births):	
Total	5.85
Legitimate only	6.41
Illegitimate	0.00
Neo-natal (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	0.00
Early Neo-natal (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	0.00
Perinatal (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	0.00
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	Nil

COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

The following Table shows the birth and death rates per 1,000 of the population for the District, and for England and Wales, for 1967 and 1968.

	Annual Rates per 1,000 of the population				Infantile Mortality per 1,000 live births		Maternal Deaths (including Abortion) per 1,000 total (live and still) Births	
	Birth-Rate		Death-Rate					
	1968	**1967**	1968	**1967**	1968	**1967**	1968	**1967**
Haslemere U.D. Crude	12.62	**12.94**	15.42	**17.03**	5.85	**10.42**	0.00	**0.00**
Comp.	14.77	**15.04**	11.16	**12.09**	—	—	—	—
England and Wales	16.9	**17.20**	11.9	**11.20**	18.0	**18.30**	0.24	**0.20**

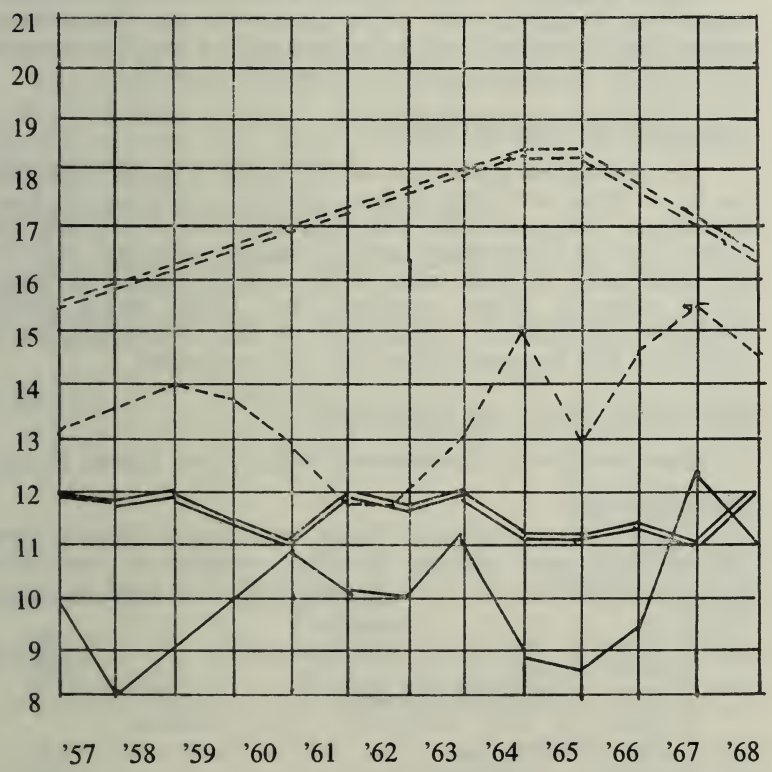
CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES), 1968

(Figures supplied by the Registrar-General)

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Enteritis and other diarrheal diseases ...	—	1	1
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	—	1
Tuberculosis, other	—	1	1
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic disease ...	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	2	2
" " lung, bronchus ...	11	3	14
" " breast	—	4	4
" " uterus	—	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	10	18
Benign and unspecified neoplasms ...	—	1	1
Diabetes	—	1	1
Mental disorders	1	2	3
Other diseases of the nervous system ...	2	2	4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ...	2	—	2
Hypertensive Disease	1	1	2
Ischaemic heart disease	22	15	37
Other forms of heart disease	5	12	17
Cerebrovascular disease	16	22	38
Other diseases of circulatory system ...	6	10	16
Influenza	1	4	5
Pneumonia	9	10	19
Bronchitis and emphysema	—	3	3
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	1	1	2
Peptic ulcer	1	—	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia ...	—	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system ...	—	1	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system ...	—	1	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system ...	—	4	4
Symptoms and ill defined conditions ...	—	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	—	1
All other accidents	2	2	4
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ...	—	2	2
Totals	90	119	209

GRAPH SHOWING BIRTH AND DEATH RATES PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION.

	Haslemere U.D. (Corrected by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor).	England and Wales
Births	— — — — —	═══
Deaths	———	═══



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory examinations are carried out at the Guildford Public Health Laboratory. The Laboratory sends copies of reports on all specimens examined for infectious organisms to the Public Health Department as well as to the private doctor or hospital concerned. Examinations carried out at the Guildford Laboratory during the year were :—

Milk and allied samples	78
Water (swimming pool)	7
Specimens of faeces	31
Specimens of blood	3

Water Analysis. — The Counties Public Health Laboratories, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1., undertake the routine examination (both chemical and bacteriological) of samples of water. The number examined by them during 1968 was 21.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

An ambulance sub-station of the Surrey County Ambulance Service is situated in the Urban District at Grayswood Road, Haslemere. This sub-station has three ambulances, a sitting case vehicle and a handicapped persons vehicle available. All calls for ambulances are now made to the Control Station at Walton Lodge, Brighton Road, Banstead (Tel. Burgh Heath 53491). Haslemere sub-station is connected to the Control Station by teleprinter and the ambulances are radio controlled.

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

These services are administered by the Surrey County Council.

District Nurses

There were two District Nurses, one Queen's District Nurse/Midwife and one Nursing Auxiliary working in the Urban District throughout the year. A record of their work is set out below :—

Number of cases	295
Number of visits	7,881
Number of deliveries at home	5
Number of early discharges from deliveries in hospital	20
Number of midwifery visits	254
Number of Ante-natal visits	102

The two District Nurses based on Churt and Thursley also visit cases within the Urban District.

Home deliveries are now minimal, but visits to elderly patients continue to increase. This is the usual pattern in this part of the country.

Health Visitors

Two Health Visitors serve this area and are based on Quedley Clinic.

Both work in close co-operation with the General Practitioners and one is officially attached.

Home Help Services

The Divisional Home Help Supervisor is based at Guildford but she has a detailed knowledge of the families in need of help throughout the South Western Division of the County.

The demand for Home Help Services continues to increase.

The staff available in the South West Division at the end of the year was 124 and of these four were resident in Haslemere.

The Neighbourly Help Service supplements the Home Help Service and helps in part to alleviate some of the difficulties of obtaining sufficient help within the area. In 1968, 62 neighbours were employed in the division.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Maternity and Child Welfare. — Centres within the District are as set out below :—

Centre	Address	Days of Centre
Haslemere	Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere (Tel. Haslemere 2175)	1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays—2-4 p.m. Speech Therapy Deaf Teacher Eye, Dental and Cytology by appointment only.
Haslemere Hall	Bridge Road, Haslemere.	4th Tuesdays—2-4 p.m.
Hindhead (Beacon Hill)	Congregational Church Rooms, Hindhead	Every Friday 2-4 p.m.

Ante-natal Clinic. — Held at St. Georges Wood (Haslemere Hospital), on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 2 p.m. and Thursdays only 10.30 a.m.—12 noon.

Chest Clinics:

Dispensary	Address	Day and Time of Attendance
Haslemere	Haslemere Hospital	Alternate Fridays — p.m.
Guildford	Tower House, Epsom Road, Guildford	Mondays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays, 9.30 to 12 noon Fridays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Milford Chest Clinic	Milford	1st and 3rd Fridays, 1.45 p.m. 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays, 2.45 p.m.

Venereal Disease Clinic.—A Clinic is held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, as follows :—

Females	**Males**
Mondays 3-4.30 p.m.	Mondays 5-6.30 p.m.
Fridays 3-4.30 p.m.	Fridays 5-6.30 p.m.

Family Planning Clinics :

Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere—1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday evenings and 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons.
(By appointment—Tel. Has 2175 during clinic)

St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford —Monday evenings and Tuesday Wednesday and Friday mornings.
(By appointment—Guildford 76208)

Buryfields, Guildford —Thursday afternoons and 1st and 3rd Monday afternoons.
(By appointment—Guildford 64635)

Cervical Cytology Clinic :

Quedley, Vicarage Lane Haslemere—1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday mornings.

Buryfields Clinic, Guildford —Thursday mornings.

Stoughton Clinic, Guildford —Wednesday mornings.

HOSPITALS

The hospitals serving the Haslemere Urban District are :—

General :

Haslemere and District Hospital, Haslemere, 68 beds, 16 maternity beds.

Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere, 117 beds. (A certain number contracted for by the Guildford Group Hospital Management Committee).

Infectious Disease :

Green Lane Hospital, Farnham, 24 beds.

Chest Diseases :

Milford Chest Hospital, near Godalming, 245 beds.

MORTUARIES

The arrangements for reception of bodies at Milford Chest Hospital mortuary continues satisfactorily. 31 bodies were sent there during 1968.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.—SECTION 50, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No burials were arranged under this section during 1968.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948. SECTION 47, CARE OF THE AGED.

No action was necessary under Section 47.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

A Chiropody Service for elderly people is run by the Surrey Association for the Elderly. The Headquarters of the Association are at Kingston and the telephone number is Kingston 6891.

PREVALANCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1968, AGE INCIDENCE
(Other than tuberculosis)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	At all Ages	At Ages—Years				
		1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 +
Infective Jaundice	2	—	1	1	—	—
Measles	21	8	7	3	2	1
Meningococcal Infection	1	—	—	1	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	1	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	2	—	—	—	—	2
Salmonella Typhimurium	1	1	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	1	—	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough	2	—	2	—	—	—
	31	9	10	5	2	5

TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases on our Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1968 was 24 male and 16 female and the following Table summarises the register as at 31st December for the last twelve years:—

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total No. on Register at 31st December
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1957	23	26	4	4	57
1958	22	22	3	4	51
1959	23	23	4	3	53
1960	27	24	2	1	54
1961	29	22	—	1	52
1962	28	23	—	2	53
1963	29	23	—	2	54
1964	30	13	—	2	45
1965	30	13	—	3	46
1966	27	12	—	3	42
1967	26	13	—	4	43
1968	**23**	**12**	**1**	**4**	**40**

The following Table shows the notification and deaths in the District, with the corresponding rates per 1,000 of the population, during the last twelve years :—

Year	Cases Notified		Notification Rate (New Cases)	Deaths	Death-Rate per 1,000 of the Population
	Trans-in	New Cases			
1957	5	1	0.08	0	0.00
1958	1	2	0.16	0	0.00
1959	4	7	0.57	0	0.00
1960	10	4	0.33	1	0.08
1961	4	4	0.31	0	0.00
1962	1	6	0.46	0	0.00
1963	3	3	0.23	1	0.07
1964	3	—	0.00	0	0.00
1965	2	2	0.30	0	0.00
1966	—	—	0.00	1	0.07
1967	3	1	0.07	1	0.07
1968	—	**3**	**0.21**	**2**	**0.15**

The new cases notified were one posthumous notification (pulmonary) of a woman, aged 93, and two non-pulmonary notifications, one male and one female.

B.C.G. Vaccination — This is available through the County School Health Services to school children of 13 and upwards and also to students at universities, colleges, etc. There are three private schools and Woolmer Hill County Secondary School concerned.

Mass X-Ray — During August the Mass X-Ray Unit made five special visits to the district and the numbers attending were as follows :—

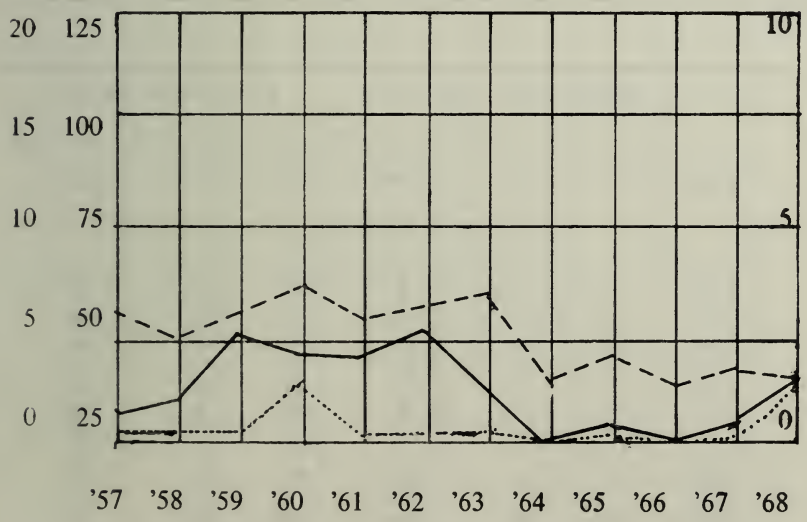
Haslemere	...	270
Shottermill	...	130
Hindhead	...	320
Total	...	720

GRAPH SHOWING THE ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Notifications of Tuberculosis (0 to 20) ... ... ————————

Deaths from Tuberculosis **(0 to 10)** ... ...
(excluding deaths of tuberculosis patients from other diseases).

Numbers on Register of notified cases **(25 to 125)** - - - - - - -



CANCER

The Table below shows the deaths from cancer during the year, compared with those for 1967.

DEATHS FROM CANCER

	Age 1—		15—		25—		35—		45—		55—		65—		75+		Totals		Grand Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	1968	1967
Alimentary Canal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	4
Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	4	4	6
Lung, Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	4	2	—	1	11	3	14	6
Uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	2	1
Others	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	4	2	2	5	8	11	19	32
1968	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	2	6	8	6	7	7	19	22	41	—
1967	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	3	5	6	6	9	10	8	22	27	—	49

Year	Deaths from Lung Cancer			Total Cancer Deaths		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1957	1	—	1	12	21	33
1958	3	1	4	16	13	29
1959	6	—	6	13	16	29
1960	5	2	7	20	19	39
1961	11	3	14	20	21	41
1962	9	2	11	20	17	37
1963	7	1	8	23	9	32
1964	7	1	8	24	14	38
1965	6	1	7	20	19	39
1966	7	1	8	14	17	31
1967	3	3	6	22	27	49
1968	**11**	**3**	**14**	**19**	**22**	**41**

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Protection against diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, whooping cough and smallpox is given to infants and school children at Quedley, Haslemere Hall and Hindhead Clinics under the aegis of the County Council and by General Practitioners in their surgeries.

Protection is also given against tuberculosis from the age of 13 upwards.

The scheme for immunisation against measles gathered momentum during the year.

Records of all immunisations and vaccinations are held in bulk at County Divisional Offices and are no longer broken down to District Council level.

DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, SMALLPOX & POLIOMYELITIS

There were no cases in the district.

WHOOPING COUGH

There were 2 cases reported during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES

The District is supplied partly by the West Surrey Water Board and partly by the Wey Valley Water Company.

The quality of the water supply is checked by us independently and frequently in accordance with the routine established during the years.

The fluoride content is less than 0.1 p.p.m. from all sources.

The pH value of the water is checked regularly throughout the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The two sewage disposal works in the Urban District continued to operate satisfactorily and the effluent conformed with the Thames Conservancy requirements,

Reconstruction work at Shottermill Sewage Works has now commenced.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly rear collection of refuse is provided in all parts of the district.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

This service provides a free monthly emptying of cesspools in unsewered areas, and is administered by the Council's Surveyor.

SWIMMING POOLS

Sampling for bacterial purity and chlorine estimation was carried out at school swimming pools within the district.

SMOKE AND NOISE ABATEMENT

A small number of complaints were received, all of which were dealt with informally.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of infestation by bed bugs came to our notice during 1968.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no such premises in the Haslemere Urban District.

MILK SUPPLY

Details of milk supplies are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Public Health Department acts as agents for the County Council for inspections and sampling milk under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1963/65.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

This Act is administered by the Surrey County Council, and I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the information in the Table below showing the number of samples analysed in respect of this District during the year.

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or Irregular		
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total
FOOD						
Confectionery, flour	1	—	1	—	—	—
Confectionery, sugar	1	1	2	—	—	—
Cream, double	—	1	1	—	—	—
Dripping	1	—	1	—	—	—
Milk	32	7	39	—	—	—
Milk, evaporated	1	—	1	—	—	—
Sausages	1	—	1	—	—	—
Soup	1	—	1	—	—	—
	38	9	47	—	—	—

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Details of work carried out under these Regulations are given in the appended Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in this District and no samples of liquid egg have been submitted to the Alpha-Amylase test.

THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S

ANNUAL REPORT, 1968

Council Offices,
Museum Hill,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the work carried out during 1968.

The housing position shows little overall change; six dwellings, previously closed, were demolished and two others with undertakings were vacated. The number of house owners making use of improvement grants has fallen slightly over the last three years. One conversion from an Elsen to a water closet was made after formal action under the Public Health Acts and there now remain only twelve properties in the district with closets other than water closets.

Continuing attention to food premises resulted in a number of improvements of a structural nature and several traders were induced to bring their equipment up to date. Approximately 4 cwt. of foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption and voluntarily surrendered for disposal. A total of 4,897 carcases with offal were inspected at the slaughterhouse and just under one ton of meat condemned.

No difficulties have arisen in the implementation of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.

The usual sampling programme was carried out with satisfactory results.

During the year the Council adopted the Model Code of Principles of Construction and Licensing Conditions for Petroleum Installations. Electrical certificates are now required annually and all underground tanks over twenty years of age are tested in accordance with the Code. Forty-one licences were issued covering a total storage capacity of 108,856 gallons.

Despite the prompt attention to infestations under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, the rodent population seems to remain steady. Following a number of complaints from residents in the town centre regarding the fouling of buildings, steps were taken to reduce the pigeon population.

I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their continued support.

My thanks also to the Officers of the Council and the staff of the department for their willing assistance at all times.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. PRUE,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

August, 1969.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The number of inspections of premises and visits made in respect of the various duties are as follows :—

Housing :

Defects	133
Overcrowding	8
Improvement Grants	19
Miscellaneous	32

Public Health :

Drainage	31
Watercourses, ditches, etc.	41
Nuisances	27
Insects, pests, etc.	11
Infectious diseases	36
Public Conveniences	56
Refuse collection and disposal	23
Swimming pools	40
Movable dwellings	9

Factories :

With mechanical power	41
Without mechanical power	6
Workplaces	14
Outworkers	2

Water Supplies : 1

Food and Drugs Act :

Food Hygiene Regulations	456
Shops	19
Restaurants, Cafes and Canteens	20
Licensed Premises	15
Bakehouses	6
Ice Cream	3
Milk and Dairies	14
Slaughterhouse and butchers shops	490
Other visits—condemnations, etc.	16

Petroleum	173
Hackney Carriages	24
Animal Boarding Establishments	1
Pet Animals Act	2
Clean Air Act	44
Noise Abatement Act	7
Miscellaneous (visits, interviews, etc.)	256
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	212
Sampling:	
Water	45
Swimming Pools	20
Milk	75
Other sampling	3
Number of dwelling houses at which nuisances or defects were discovered	24
Number of other premises at which nuisances or defects were discovered (excluding rats, mice and insect pests)	30
Number of nuisances under prevention of damage by Pests Act. 1949	446
Number of other Pest nuisances	149
Total number of Statutory Notices served	1
Total number of Statutory Notices complied with	1
Total number of Informal Notices served	44
Total number of Informal Notices complied with	37

HOUSING

Housing List

The number on the housing list at the end of the year was 187.

Rent Act, 1957

There were no applications for Certificates of Disrepair under the above Act.

Unfit Houses

During 1968, two families were rehoused by the Council from properties included in the slum clearance list.

The following table shows the position at the end of 1968.

Number of houses demolished	16
,, ,, ,, with Undertakings accepted vacant ...	15
,, ,, ,, with Undertakings accepted still occupied	5
,, ,, ,, repaired and modernised	50
,, ,, ,, remaining for attention	10
Total	96

Overcrowding

No cases of statutory overcrowding came to the attention of the Department during the year.

New Dwellings

During 1968, 115 houses were built by private enterprise and a net increase of three dwellings were created by the Council by conversion.

Improvement Grants

I am indebted to the Surveyor who has kindly supplied the following information in respect of improvement grants for the year 1968.

	Discretionary grants	Standard grants
Number of applications	6	8
Number approved	6	8

MILK SUPPLY

As in previous years inspection and sampling duties have been carried out by this Council on behalf of the Surrey County Council who are responsible for issuing the necessary licences under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963/65.

There are five dairy premises in the district and in addition pre-packed milk is sold from twelve other establishments. Four milk retailers from outside the district sell milk within the district.

ICE CREAM

In this district ice cream is sold mainly in pre-packed form and there are no manufacturers, most of the ice cream is supplied by firms with nation wide distribution.

MANUFACTURE OF SAUSAGES, PRESERVED FOOD, ETC.

There are 12 premises registered under Section 16 of the Act in respect of the manufacture of sausages, preserved food, etc., and no adverse comment was called for during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

There are three bakehouses in the District and six visits of inspection were made.

GAME LICENCES

Eight shopkeepers were licenced to deal in game, the fee for which is 7/6.

MEAT

There is one licensed slaughterhouse which is under private management, and two licences were issued to slaughtermen.

A 100% inspection of animals slaughtered was maintained.

There are 12 butchers' shops in the District, all of which are kept in a satisfactory manner.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Type of Premises	No. of Premises	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (Provision of wash hand basin)	No. of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies (Provision of sink)	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3
Butchers	12	12	12	12
Canteens	44	44	44	44
Cafes and Catering Estab.	19	19	19	19
Chemists	7	7	7	7
Clubs	12	12	12	12
Coffee and Tea	1	1	1	1
Confectioners (Flour)	7	7	7	7
Confectioners (sugar	14	14	13	13
Delicatessen	1	1	1	1
Fishmongers	5	5	5	5
Fruiterers & Greengrocers	14	14	14	14
Grocers and Provision Merchants	27	27	27	27
Hotels	19	19	19	19
Poulterers	14	14	14	14
Locker-freeze storage	1	1	1	1
Licensed Premises	28	28	28	28
Market Stall (W.I.)	1	1	1	1
Street Vendors	4	—	—	—

Inspections carried out under the Food Hygiene Regulations resulted in the following requirements :—

Cleaning and Redecorations	5
Renewal and repair of flooring	5
Drainage Repair	1
Display of Name and Address	1
Protection of Food	1
Renewal of working surfaces	5
Provision of intervening ventilated lobby between W.C. and food room ...	2
Provision of wash hands notices ...	5
Provision of nail brushes, soap and towel	2
Renewal of sink	1
Provision of hot water	1

No statutory action was necessary to enforce compliance with the regulations.

During the year 12 complaints were received in connection with food. After thorough investigation each complaint was dealt with informally, warnings or advice being given as circumstances required.

No difficulties were experienced in the administration of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLES

Article	Number of Samples	Examination	Conforming to Standard	Not Conforming to Standard
MILK :				
Untreated	6	Methylene Blue Test and Brucellosis ...	6	—
Ultra Heat Treated	4	Colony Count Test	4	—
Pasteurised	57	Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Tests ...	57	—
Sterilised	8	Turbidity Test	8	—
Ice Cream	3	Methylene Blue Reductase	3	—
WATER :				
Main Supply	17	Bacteriological	17	—
Main Supply	4	Chemical	4	—
Main Supply	24	pH	23	1
Swimming Pool	7	Bacteriological	5	2
Totals	130		127	3

ANALYSIS OF WATER SAMPLES

WEST SURREY WATER BOARD SUPPLY

Sampling point	Number of Samples	Examination	Conforming to Standard	Not Conforming to Standard
Main tap	13	Bacteriological	13	—
Main tap	4	Chemical	4	—
Main tap	12	pH	11	1
Totals	29		28	1

WEY VALLEY COMPANY'S SUPPLY

Sampling point	Number of Samples	Examination	Conforming to Standard	Not Conforming to Standard
Main tap	4	Bacteriological	4	—
Main tap	12	pH	12	—
Totals	16		16	—

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS
CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

Ante and Post-Mortem Examinations of Animals

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	599	29	96	2540	1633	—
Number inspected	599	29	96	2540	1633	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	1	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	64	3	—	30	71	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	10.7	10.3	—	1.2	4.3	—
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	—	—	—	—	59	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	—	—	—	—	3.6	—
Cysticerci Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	3	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	1	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned.	—	—	—	—	—	—

The total weight of meat and offals condemned at the slaughterhouse during the year was :—

Due to Tuberculosis	...	500 lb.
Cysticerci	... ...	71 lb.
Other Causes	... ...	1,424 lb.
	Total	1,995 lb.

RETAIL SALE INSPECTION

The following foods were condemned at retail premises as unfit for human consumption :—

	lb.	ozs.
Frozen meat produce	44	12
Chicken	115	10
Sheep kidneys	20	0
Pork Luncheon meat	16	0

Fish :—

Frozen fish products	87	10

Other foods :—

Frozen foods	74	8
Jellies	66	4
Tinned tomatoes	5	4½
Ices	46	2
	476	2½

	Galls.	Pts.	Fl. ozs.
Mousse	—	4	19
Ice Cream	15	2	10
	15	7	9

All these foods were voluntarily surrendered to the department for disposal.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following extract is from the Annual Report under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 for the year 1968.

Three accident reports were received during the year, each case involving a fall or slip on the part of the person concerned.

	Class of premises	Number newly registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspection during the year
TABLE A REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS	Offices	1	51	29
	Retail shops	3	95	41
	Wholesale Shops, warehouses	—	2	2
	Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	15	7
	Fuel storage depots	—	1	1
	Total	4	164	80

TABLE B — Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises :—212.

--TABLE C	Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN PREMISES AT END OF YEAR	Offices	337
	Retail shops	472
	Wholesale departments, warehouses	13
	Catering establishments open to the public	84
	Canteens	1
	Fuel storage depots	2
	Total	909
	Total Males	402
	Total Females	507

FACTORIES ACT, 1961—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority ...	7	6	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	70	41	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	13	14	—	—
Totals	90	61	1	—

Cases in which defects were found :

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	2	2	—	—	—
Totals	6	6	—	2	—

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) :

Nature of Work	Section 133		Section 134			
	No. of out-workers in August required by Sec. 133 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (Making, etc.)	2	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	—	—	—	—	—

COMPLAINTS :

641 complaints were received during the year. This number included 419 notifications in connection with rats and mice and these were dealt with under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act. 1949.

Also in the total were 149 complaints and enquiries concerning other pests resulting in the following action :—

Treatment given	No.
Wild bees and wasps	79
Cockroaches	9
Ants	32
Flies (all types)	9
Silverfish	1
Crickets	3
Fleas/Mites	3
Others	3
Advice given :	
Snakes	1
Squirrels	3
Wood borers	1

During the year complaints were received regarding nuisances being caused in the town centre by congregations of pigeons. Action was taken to reduce the pigeon population and 122 pigeons were destroyed.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

One licence for a caravan was issued this year by the Council.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One application for a licence was received and granted.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One application was received under the above Act and the licence was granted in respect of accommodation for cats.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 and 1936

41 premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit in respect of a total capacity of 108,856 gallons.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES

There were 13 licensed Hackney Carriages operating in the district and 16 drivers were licensed during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1968

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of Properties in district	4987	23
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	410	9
Number infested by: Rats	310	6
Mice	73	3
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	464	5
Number infested by: Rats	28	—
Mice	26	—

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